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REMARKS:

At the time of the Notice, claims 1-20 were pending and considered. Claim 3 and 14-20 stand allowed, and claim 9 stands objected to. Claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 13 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 1-8 and 10-20 remain pending in the subject application.

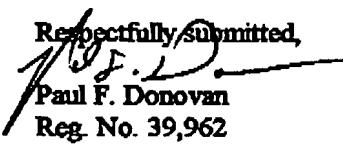
Allowance of claims 3 and 14-20 is noted with thanks.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record, in order to put this case into condition for allowance, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to, now cancelled, claim 9. Since claim 1 is generic, the withdrawn claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 should also be allowed.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Entry, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested. In the event that there are any issues that can be expeditiously handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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